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Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 18, 1878. ap18

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Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE DEPARTURE of the S. S. "CITY OF TOKIO" has been POSTPONED to THURSDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878. mc28

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Hongkong, March 26, 1878. ap28

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Hongkong, March 20, 1878. ap20

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Hongkong, March 14, 1878. ap14

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Hongkong, March 26, 1878.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

IN Accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Policy-holders for the fiscal year ending 30th September, 1877, of TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED.

Warrants will be delivered by the Underigned to Contributors of Premium at this Port, on and after the 9th Instant.

Policy-holders are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1878. ap5

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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

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March 5, 1878. ap5

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By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1877. ap1

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

NOTICE.

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September 16, 1877.

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PERCY FITZGERALD, M.A.,

"THE FAMILY SHAKESPEARE,"

ON

Thursday Evening,

the 28th Instant, to Commence at 9 o'clock.

TICKETS—Price Two Dollars—may be obtained from the Committee:—

Col. SQUART,

La-Col. HALL,

Jas. B. COUGHTRIE,

C. F. A. SANGSTER,

T. G. WILLIAMSON,

and

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary.

## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. THEODOR JOHANNES ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU has been authorized to sign our firm per procurator.  
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, March 22, 1878. ap23

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
China, March 8, 1878. sc8

**NOTICE.**  
MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our firm on the 1st January, 1878.  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the style or firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
G. R. STEVENS.  
Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our firm from this date.  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

## Notices to Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER "MACTAN" FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Underigned at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 22, 1878. mc29

## Volume Sixth of the "CHINA REVIEW."

## Now Ready.

No. IV.—Vol. VI.  
—OF THE—  
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Bibliography of the Chinese Imperial Collections of Literature.  
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Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.  
Notes and Queries:—  
The Manchu Terms for 上帝 and 神.  
The Mammoth in Chinese Records.  
Mohammedan Apostles in China.  
The Ki-lin identified with the Giraffe.  
Life Saving Association, and other Benevolent Societies at Wuhu.  
Professor Deal and his Critics.  
Annamese Sovereigns.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, March 12, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.  
(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE" will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 29th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc29

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.  
The Steamship "YSSHO," Capt. S. ASHON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 31st Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LEPAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc81

FOR SHANGHAI.  
The Steamship "GLEN EAGLES" will be despatched for the above Port on or about MONDAY, the 1st Proximo.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
H. de POUEY, Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho."  
Mr. O. Grossmann, G (in dis-), from Metzger, No. 7367, 1 case, Marcellus.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.  
The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. CULLEN, Master, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from J. McDONALD, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 29th March, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, No. 2, Lower Mosque Terrace:—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Damask Covered Drawing-room Suite, Rosewood Centre Table, Engravings, Carpet, Mirrors, Chandeliers, Kerosine Lamps, and Clocks.

Teak Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Marble-top Sideboard, Whatnots, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass and Plated-ware.

Double and Single Iron Bedsteads, Child's Cots, Mahogany Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Toilet Tables and Wash-stands, &c.

One SEWING MACHINE, by WILCOX GIBB.

One BAGATELLE TABLE, with Balls, &c., complete.

One CHUBB'S PATENT IRON SAFE.

And, One PIANO, by R. R. FIFF.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday, the 28th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc29

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

NOBLE STAR, American ship, Captain J. U. Thompson.—Order.

P. J. CABLETON, American barque, Capt. J. A. Amberg.—P. & O. Co.

RAJANATTIANUR, British str., Capt. Geo. T. Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hong.

OSIDENT, British barque, Capt. Reuter.—Chinese.

CALDEA, British str., Captain Williams.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 26, Brisbane, British steamer, 891, J. A. Reddell, Sydney Feb. 23, Moreton Bay 23, Koppell Bay March 1, Bowen 3, Townsville same day, Cooktown 5, Thursday Island 9, and Singapore 20, Mails and General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

March 27, Deucalion, British steamer, 1839, R. J. Brown, Liverpool Jan. 23, via ports of call, and Singapore March 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 27, Glenfalloch, British steamer, 1880, A. H. Taylor, Saigon March 23, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

March 27, Malabar, British steamer, 1270, W. H. Gould, Saigon March 22, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Mar. 27, Yotung, British steamer, 286, Gorgin, Halphong Mar. 23, Rice.—Kwoh Aohong.

March 27, Norma, British steamer, 608, Walker, Swatow March 26, General.—Kwoh Aohong.

March 27, Philip Fitzpatrick, American barque, 582, Phelan, Singapore Jan. 27, Timber.—CHINESE.

March 27, Pacific, German steamer, 69, Petersen, Yap (one of the Caroline Group) March 16, Ballast.—ORDER.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 27, Humboldt, for Manila.

27, Cairnmuir, for Nagasaki.

27, Albay, for Swatow, &c.

## CLEARED.

W. E. Gladstone, for Bangkok.

State of Alabama, for Saigon.

Zamboanga, for Halphong.

Angatara, for Tournon.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Brisbane, from Australia, Madame von Halle, Messrs W. Greig and H. Lubbes, and 151 Chinese.

Per Deucalion, from Liverpool, Mr. Johnson and 2 children for Shanghai, Mr. Penfer for Hongkong; from Singapore, Mr. and Miss Ellis and 164 Chinese for Hongkong.

Per Glenfalloch, from Saigon, 6 Chinese.

Per Malabar, from Saigon, 1 Chinese.

Per Norma, from Swatow, 1 European deck, and 380 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Albay, for Amoy, &c., 180 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

with light winds; cleared Hainan Straits on the evening of the 26th, and anchored at 8 p.m. on 26th abreast of the Ladronez. At 5.30 a.m. 27th proceeded and arrived in Hongkong at 10.30 a.m.

The British steamer Norma reports: Fresh N.E. winds and thick atmosphere throughout.

The American barque Philip Fitzpatrick reports: Light N.E. and baffling winds throughout the passage.

The British steamer Brisbane reports: Left Sydney at 2 p.m. 23rd February, arrived in Moreton Bay Brisbane at noon on the 25th, embarked mails and passengers for Europe, and took her departure at 2 p.m. 26th, arrived at Koppell Bay 1st March, Bowen 3rd, Townsville same day, Cooktown 5th, Thursday Island Torres Straits on the morning of the 9th, and arrived in Singapore at 8 a.m. on the 20th, transhipped mails and passengers and left again same day at 5 p.m., arriving at S.E. winds as far as Thursday Island, whence to Cape Jacki strong N.W. winds, thence to arrival in Singapore light variable winds, from Singapore to Pulo Sapata strong N.E. monsoon, from thence to arrival light variable winds and fine weather.

CARGO.

Per Khiva, for London, 1392 half-cents, 34 cases and 48 boxes Tea, 28 bales Silk, 404 bales Silk, 10 cases Silks, and 1380 pkgs. Sundries. For Continent, 144 bales Silk, and 50 pkgs. Sundries.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For HAIPHONG and HANOI.—Per Zamboanga, at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA.—Per Malacca, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per Rajanattianur, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 28th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per Maria, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For PORT DARWIN.—Per Charlton, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 29th inst.

For AMOY & SHANGHAI.—Per Deucalion, at 9.30 p.m., on Friday, the 29th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—Per Yuen, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 30th inst.

## MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet Khiva, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 27th Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 28th Instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage list.

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Bremen, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, March 14, 1878. mc28

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet City of Tokio will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

11 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 a.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, March 25, 1878. mc28

## MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet Brisbane, will be despatched from Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Port Darwin, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mail will be closed at 1.30 p.m. Supplementary mail on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but at a special rate it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, March 27, 1878. mc28

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Andoyer will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 4th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Malta, Sicily, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, April 3rd.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

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## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

## Auction.

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, &c., at No. 10, Seymour Terrace.

## Amusement.

9 p.m.—Performance of "Trial by Jury," at the Lusitania.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 29.—

Noon.—Chilton leaves for Port Darwin.

2 p.m.—Brisbane leaves for Singapore, &c.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. McDonald's residence, Lower Mosque Terrace.

SATURDAY, March 30.—

Tonien leaves for London.

SUNDAY, March 31.—

Daylight.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

Monday, April 1.—

Oxfordshire leaves for Yokohama, &c. on or about this date.

Glenagles leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

WEDNESDAY, April 3.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, April 4.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, April 11.—

9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1878.

ONE of the paragraphs in the telegram we published last night stated: "Russia insists upon the exclusion from the proposed European Congress of the question of Bessarabia and the cession of Armenia."

"By the words 'cession of Armenia' is, we presume, meant the cession of a portion of Armenia, as none of the peace conditions we have yet seen provide for the cession of more than the eastern end of the province. According to the latest advice, even Erzerum is to be surrendered to the Turks. In regard to the 'question of Bessarabia' some little explanation may be acceptable. If a map of Turkey be consulted it will be seen that a small strip of Roumanian territory separates the southern portion of Russian Bessarabia from the northern mouth of the Danube. It is this strip of land, which is a sort of guarantee for the freedom of the mouths of the Danube, that Russia has demanded from Roumania, and that Prince Charles evinces so little disposition to cede. England and Austria have both requested that all the conditions of peace may be submitted to the proposed Congress; the Czar is now apparently willing to assent to these demands, provided the conditions relating to the cession of this strip of territory, and the eastern portion of Armenia are excepted. The Bessarabian question simply affects Austrian and continental interests; but in the cession of Armenian territory doubtless British interests are infringed. As a Power which sacrificed a vast number of lives and a hundred millions of money in compelling Russia in 1856 to respect among other matters the freedom of the mouths of the Danube, England has an undoubted right to be heard respecting any new arrangements Russia may propose in regard to Roumanian Bessarabia. The reason put forward by the Czar for the cession of the territory is a sentimental one, perfectly in keeping with Russia's slaughter of the Turks for the sake of the 'oppressed Bulgarians.' It is that the Russians had erected at Ismail a memorial of a battle fought somewhere about 1780, and that the Emperor's heart could not agree to this being left to other than Russian hands. The Roumanians have rendered the Russians very considerable service in the present struggle, and the Czar's demand is a direct violation of clause 2 of the Russo-Roumanian convention of April last, which states: 'In order that no inconvenience or danger may result to Roumania from the passage of the Russian troops over her territory, the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias engages to maintain and enforce the political rights of the Roumanian State as they result from internal laws and existing Treaties, as well as to maintain and defend the present integrity of Roumania.' Neither Austria nor Germany are likely to be favourable to this

advance of the Russians to the Danube, and perhaps this is the reason why Russia is anxious to keep the matter away from the Congress.

Our daily contemporary at Singapore raises the question of the defences of the settlements in the Straits against attack from the sea. It is a fact, says our contemporary, that both Singapore and Penang are in a worse position, in regard to fortifications, than they were in 1854, for the forts and guns are useless—so useless indeed are the guns at Mount Palmer that practice with them has long been abandoned owing to their dangerous condition. The infantry, our contemporary is informed, is to be replaced by a Madras regiment should war be declared, but no amount of soldiers could prevent hostile gunboats from firing into the coal depots, and working havoc among the shipping. Presuming our fleet to be out of the way, Hongkong at the present moment would perhaps be equally as helpless against the sudden descent of hostile vessels of war as Singapore or Penang. We have no doubt plenty of war material here, which might in the space of a few days be utilised against an enemy, but if hostile men-of-war ever do visit this port, our first notification of the event will in all probability be their casting anchor in the harbour. There is no question that the British fleet in the China seas is strong enough to give a very effective reception to half-a-dozen Russian squadrons of the strength of the one at present cruising in Chinese and Japanese waters, but the seas are wide and the Russians might give the Admiral the slip. At the present time the British fleet in the China seas numbers four corvettes (one an ironclad) and twenty sloops, gun-vessels, and gun-boats. The Russian fleet consists of the corvette Bayan (9 guns), the despatch-boat Veadnich (8 guns), the despatch-boat Haidamak (7 guns) and the gun-boats Sobol (4 guns) and Morje (4 guns), making a total of five vessels only. Admiral Hillyar could almost afford with the fleet at his disposal to leave sufficient vessels in Hongkong and the Straits for the defence of these places, and yet have men-of-war enough in reserve for looking after the Russians or an expedition to Vladivostok.

THE S. S. Pacific, about which it may be remembered there was some litigation a few months since, arrived here this afternoon from the Pacific Islands. She made a very successful run both to and from the islands, and reports that she found everything in a settled state among the few Europeans at the places she visited. A great want of the necessaries of life is being felt, however, by the natives in the New Ireland, New Britain, and Duke of York groups, in consequence of the heavy drought, and great distress has been occasioned. The officers of the Pacific witnessed a phenomenon which, although well known to be of occasional occurrence, is nevertheless a strange sight. About four weeks ago, whilst in the neighbourhood of New Britain Island, close to the Duke of York group, they witnessed a volcanic eruption which caused the sudden upheaval of a large island at Blanche Bay. The island rose to the height of 70 feet, and its complete appearance only took about three hours. At the same time a heavy tidal wave was seen, although fortunately the Pacific was out of its reach. The whole of St. George's Channel was filled with pumice stones, the Pacific having steamed for about 20 miles amongst it.

Captain Holcomb, of Pacific fame, is a passenger in the steamer, and reports the loss of his schooner Babah. She left Yap on the 19th August, having on board about 44 months' provisions—her outfit and cargo being estimated at \$15,000. Her crew and passengers consisted of Mr. Adam Fuller of Glasgow (a trader), Captain C. Brown (master), Mr. B. O'Hara (well known both here and at Singapore), a coloured man named Davis, and 5 or 6 natives. She should have returned to Yap about the middle of November, and her non-appearance leads Captain Holcomb to conclude that she has been either entirely lost or has fallen into the hands of unfriendly natives.

AN INQUEST was held at Government Civil Hospital this afternoon on the bodies of Leung Ahwah, Wong Asam, Chan Angan, and Wong Amui, before the Coroner (C. V. Oresagh, Esq.) and the following gentlemen as a Jury, Messrs A. J. Gordon, N. J. Gomes, and T. L. W. Ginger. The deceased were found by the cook (Sit Apoy) on board the S. S. Deucalion, on the 21st instant, and were supposed to have been poisoned. Capt. R. J. Brown said he was master of the steamer Deucalion. On the evening of the 21st instant, whilst on the high seas on a voyage from Liverpool to this port, several of the 8rd class Chinese passenger had taken their evening meal: some of them commenced to vomit. The doctor of the ship was in immediate attendance. The cook told witness that he thought some person in the ship had put poison in their soup. On the next morning the head Chinese cook told him that he had found out the man who had put the poison into the soup. For the safety of the ship witness immediately placed that man in irons, and gave orders to the second officer to search his box, and he found the two white papers produced. The man was a Chinese deck passenger. Witness did not know the prisoner's name. They had 300 Chinese passengers from Penang and Singapore, about 14 of whom were third class, all the others being deck. At this stage the enquiry was adjourned until 3 past 2 o'clock to-morrow.

THE following items are from the Straits Times:—

The steam tender Abdul Samat, purchased by the resident of Selangor, arrived from Hongkong this morning (March 18th) after 104 days' run under canvas. This little vessel's dimensions are only 72 feet in length by 11.6 beam. The passage, therefore, may be considered a very satisfactory one. It is stated she steams 10 knots with a consumption of one ton of coal a day.

The French ironclad steam corvette Armand, bearing the flag of Rear Admiral Dubouquois, arrived at the Borneo Company's wharf this morning (March 18th) en route to the China and Japan stations.

She is a vessel of 2,500 tons, carries 380 men, is armed with 16 guns and has engines of 450 horse power. Rear Admiral Dubouquois is the successor of Rear Admiral Veron as Naval Commander-in-chief.

and the viands, under which the table groaned, were *recherché*. Everything passed off admirably, and although there were no special toasts, the healths of the members of the firm were heartily drunk. To-day business will be resumed as of yore.

**ILL-USING CHINAMEN.**—A correspondent of the *Cooktown Herald* writes as follows:—As I know that you possess a love of that fair play which all true Englishmen boast of, and that you are ever ready to expose oppression in any shape, I beg to give you an incident that came under my own personal observation, in which an European—God forbid he should bear an Englishman—assaulted and beat a Chinaman brutally with a waddy, for a most trivial offence. On Saturday last one of the Chinese fruit-sellers who frequent the wharves, quite by accident spilt a little salt water on the European referred to, and that individual at once retaliated with brute force and in a most inhuman manner, and out the Celestial almost to pulp with a waddy, and I regret to say his savage conduct was appreciated in a high degree by some of the loafers who are constantly hanging about the wharves. A young commercial traveller, whose name I do not know, but had arrived in the steamer, was proceeding up the town in Ryle's car, and seeing the savage attack on the poor Celestial, leapt from the car and at once went to the poor fellow's protection. Some of the loafers I refer to began to "jabber" about the commercial interference, but were quickly shut up when the gallant little fellow peeled off his coat and challenged any one of them to come and thrash him if they could, but not to beat a poor unoffending Chinaman with sticks. I need hardly say they all speedily retired, thoroughly awed at the pluck of the commercial, who I would freely back to lick six of them before dinner.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., A. PACKER.

**THE CHINESE ON THE PALMER.**—We hear (writes the *Brisbane Courier*) that a petition to the Minister for Mines in course of signature by European storekeepers and residents of the Palmer gold-field against the £3 demanded from the Chinese for miners' rights. It is urged that the alluvial ground occupied by the Chinese diggers is now being turned over for the fourth time, and is too poor to admit of the payment of the large sum required for the license fee. This memorial also alleges that inhuman cruelty is practised in the collection of the fees, and deprecates its rigid enforcement in the manner complained of, as calculated to cause a general stampede of Chinese from the field, to the serious loss of storekeepers who have laid in heavy stocks of goods, besides being highly creditable to the colony. One or two instances of alleged cruelty by officials in collecting fees from the Chinese are mentioned, and the memorial expresses a hope that if their enforcement cannot be relaxed, the barbarous mode of collecting them may at least be discontinued. We are not in a position to affirm or deny the truth of these statements, but we are assured that the experience of the past few months shows that the increased charge has been a complete failure from a fiscal point of view, as instead of causing an increase, it has caused a very considerable decrease of revenue.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

27th March, 1878.

#### WOMEN WILL BE WOMEN.

Ip Ahn, and Chea Ahn, married women, were charged with assaulting another married woman, named Wong Ahn, residing at First Street, Talinganah. It appears that the 1st defendant wanted to borrow a wood-chopper from the complainant. The complainant lent the chopper, and when asked to return it, the defendant said she had lost it. At this they got to high words, and the defendant made use of the most filthy language. The second defendant then appeared upon the scene, and took hold of the complainant's hair, throwing her down. The 1st defendant, watching her opportunity, kicked her in the stomach. The complainant said she was *scinted*, and the pain she experienced necessitated her going to Hospital.—The 1st defendant stated that it was the complainant's daughter who lost the chopper, the complainant threw dirty water at her and then they had a quarrel. Defendant denied kicking the complainant. The second defendant said she was the landlady of the house, and that she had taken no part in the quarrel.—Chun Ashing, another woman, said she witnessed the assault.—The defendants were fined \$2 each or 7 days' hard labour and were further ordered to find security in one household (\$5) to keep the peace for three months.

#### HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Leong Ayan, a hawker, was charged on remand with stealing a watch from the person of a seaman named A. Miller on the 24th instant. Ho Awong (P.O. 220) said he noticed the defendant following the owner of the watch at Pok-fan Road, and then suddenly push him down. The defendant then stole the watch, and ran, followed by the seaman. Witness thereupon arrested the defendant, and took him, together with the seaman, to the station.—Andrew Miller, sworn, stated that he was a seaman, and belonged to the American ship *Widdowood*. The defendant ran after him on Sunday evening last, and asked if he wanted a watch, and offered him a little. He sat down, when the defendant pushed him, and tried to steal his watch.—The defendant said, in defence, that the complainant asked him to get a seaman and shortly afterwards lay down on the grass. Defendant, knowing his father was sick, and wanted money, tried to take the complainant's watch.—The prisoner was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by both Magistrates.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

Shiek Abdul, seaman P. O. F. S. Oriea, was fined \$5 or 4 days' imprisonment.

#### LICENSING.

Id Ayan, a hawker, was sent to 8 months' hard labour for stealing a jacket at Aberdeen.

#### A RECOVERING SEAMAN.

Thomas McCarthy, a seaman belonging to the British steamer *Gleadowry*, was charged with being drunk and refusing to leave a boat. To Ahung, a boatman, stated that the defendant and two other men hired his boat, and he took them to a steamer. The defendant would not leave, although

advised to do so by his friends. The complainant then pulled towards the Police Boat, and on the way the defendant jumped into the water, and was rescued by complainant with some difficulty. It was blowing hard at the time, and complainant lost a bamboo and an oar. Defendant expressed regret, and said he was drunk. Ordered to pay the complainant one dollar amends for loss of property and time.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

Sir,—In the Kowloon ferry boat, *Morning Star*, intended for the transport of manure as well as the *Shit of Hongkong*! This morning I saw about sixteen large baskets of highly-flavoured manure taken on board that boat for conveyance to Kowloon. There were on board for the same trip about eight or ten cooks with their masters' provisions for the day, consisting of beef, fish, bread and so on. As these provisions were deposited indiscriminately among the baskets of manure, I am afraid they were not improved in the passage. It is only fair to add that Buxoo himself was not on board.

Yours truly,  
AN EYE-WITNESS.

#### GOOD FRIDAY A "MAIL DAY."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

Sir,—After the mail of to-morrow there will be but another mail on Thursday, that of the 11th April; and thereafter comes the change from Thursday to Saturday; that is, the second mail in April will leave on Saturday, 20th—Easter Eve. Are we then to observe Good Friday in the office? In the days of the "P. & O. tabs" it may have been necessary to change the day of the mail's dispatch in the latter half of April, though skippers coming up the China sea towards the end of April used to report, "had fine weather, sea like a milk-pond." But we have now the *Khaiwa* and *Kachgar*, which have made passages from Singapore in six and a half days, in the teeth of the north-east monsoon. I would therefore think that the change, to which I have referred, may be very safely deferred now—days till the first mail in May.

But to return to the forthcoming Good Friday. The *Kachgar* will be the craft that will carry forward the mail. Will it matter anything, or cannot her departure be safely postponed from noon of Saturday the 20th April to 8 a.m. Sunday? In the stockholders' parlance, "I beg to move for the adoption of the suggestion," and will you second it?

Yours faithfully,  
X. O. X.

[Our correspondent has certainly "taken time by the forelock" in this matter, and thus has given ample notice for the consideration of his proposal. Holidays are so like angels' visits, in Hongkong, that they ought to be held all the more sacred—to church-going or "pic-nicking" according to the views of individuals—by those concerned.—Ed. C. M.]

#### Japan.

Reports from Corea are as follows:—During the famine last year an immense number of people were starved and many bones were lying about the fields. The Coreans have lately been supplying the Japanese with cattle bones with which human bones have been mixed. When the writer was out walking about 1½ m. from the Japanese Consulate, he saw three dead bodies in a field. When any of the family of a Korean King dies the whole nation dries in white for three years; even the hat-strings must be white. If merchants were to take white cloth to Corea when they hear of the death of one of the Royal Family, they would make great profit. There are three towns near the Japanese settlement, Fusanohu, Kinsorei and Fuminto. When Japanese men go there, the Corean women quickly hide, but treat Japanese women well, sometimes asking them into their houses and feasting them. It seems the Corean women do not dislike Japanese men, but avoid them, because the Corean men grow jealous. At the winter solstice the Coreans eat boiled rice mixed with small red beans, and oranges. There are no orange trees in the country, and it is said that many oranges are imported as the winter solstice approaches. The Coreans like dried, orange peel and ginseng, as the Japanese like tea and European coffee. There is no tea in Corea. About 1½ m. to the North-West of the Japanese settlement is a village named the Kiotokumura, frequented in summer by the Japanese. One night somewhere about last April a tiger said the village a visit and killed a woman, since which time the Japanese return before night; bears are said to have often visited the place lately. The Corean Government from time to time sends out secret commissioners to inspect the administration of the provincial governments. These commissioners have great powers and when the provincial Governors hear of them being about, they are very much afraid. The commissioner is appointed by the King, gets some dress from him as a sign of authority and starts at once, without even calling at his own house. When he has finished his inspection, he declares himself to be a commissioner, and changes officials, punishes people, &c. Some time ago it was rumoured that a commissioner was visiting the province of Kishado; during November last he appeared, with great authority. When he is going about in secret, he sends many officials on enquiries. It is said the public are troubled by them and they whisper that the last commissioner wants a bribe. A rich man who was formerly an official was hated by the villagers for his oppression, but when the commissioner sent policemen for him he was found to have absconded.—*Hong Kong News Translation.*

#### The Straits.

(Straits Times.)

Last Friday's *Gazette* contains the draft of a Bill to provide for the payment of a special entertaining allowance to the Governor of these Settlements. The Bill is a short one and reads as follows:—  
"Whereas by Ordinance No. 4 of 1873, provision is made for the distribution of the emoluments of the Office of Governor; and it is expedient to provide for the payment of a special Allowance to be drawn by the Governor or the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony for the time being;  
"It is hereby enacted by the Governor of the Straits Settlements with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—  
"1. From and after the 1st day of January, 1878, the sum of Dollars Five thou-

sand (\$5,000) shall be payable, by monthly instalments, as a Special Allowance, to the Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the Colony for the time being, in addition to the regular salary, or part salary, payable to such Governor or Officer."

The proposal was originally made in these columns in the latter part of 1875, when \$7,000 was suggested as a suitable sum. It was adopted by the Finance Committee on the Estimates for 1878 and was referred to as follows by the Hon'ble W. Adamsen, in his speech on the Supply Bill for 1878 in Council, on the 16th November last:—

"The second matter I desire to refer to is the proposal of the unofficial members to give the sum of \$5,000 per annum to the Officer Administering the Government. Now, Sir, I trust it will not be supposed that this proposal has its origin in any desire to increase the emoluments at Government House or from any other unworthy motive. It is simply the expression of an opinion long held by many members of Council and by others outside, acquainted with the subject, that the means placed at the disposal of the Governor are not adequate to the heavy burden of hospitalities which he is compelled to exercise, and if this be so as regards the Governor, it is especially the case with the Officer Administering the Government in his absence. The central position of Singapore brings a constant stream of travellers, and the task of entertaining a succession of visitors is quite burdensome enough without having to pay heavily for it. The unofficial members thought that no time could be more favourable for making this suggestion than now, when, owing to a change of Governors, personal feelings could have no share in bringing about the proposal."

A despatch from Lord Carnarvon, dated the 26th January last, in reply to two despatches from the Governor here, dated 22nd November, and 6th December last, states that the proposal of the Council and the draft of the Ordinance have met with the approval of the Secretary of State, and the Ordinance will, we presume, be passed without opposition or delay.

#### Australian Items.

**PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENCE.**  
It is evident, from the active warlike preparations being made, that our friends in the southern colonies are fitting themselves to make it warm for any enemy who may intrude himself upon their notice. In Sydney, the Permanent Artillery Force, to the number of 800, including officers and men, have been ordered to leave their barracks and man the batteries in the harbor and at the Heads. In addition to this the Torpedo Corps, under the command of Mr. O. J. Oranell, is being rapidly got ready for active duty. The other day the ship *Lammermoor*, from London, brought 2500 cases of gun cotton—the largest consignment of this material ever shipped to the colonies; and yesterday, we learn from the telegraphic columns, a further large shipment of war material reached Sydney by the *Crosshill*, to the order of the Government. In Melbourne also it has been decided to proceed with all possible speed with the defence of the port. The *Nelson*, frigate, which it had been resolved to out down, will be got ready for sea, and is to be consigned to the turret ship *Corbett* and the land batteries, in the event of the necessity arising. Adelaide, likewise, acting under the advice of the distinguished military authority whom she happens to have as her Governor (Sir William Jervois), appears to be thoroughly alive to the gravity of the situation; and is losing no time in pushing on the defences recommended by that gentleman. Tasmania Sir William deems to occupy a very important position in connection with the Australian colonies, and he has shaped his recommendations accordingly. From the preparations going on, it is evident that the visitation of a hostile force to the Australian colonies, in case of England becoming involved in war, is considered by our neighbors as not only possible, but likely to occur. New Zealand is the only colony which seems free from any such apprehensions, and resting content in her feeling of security, has declined to have anything to do with what she evidently deems to be the unnecessary and extravagant expenditure of her sister colonies in this direction.—*Brisbane Courier*, Feb. 27.

**Sydney, Feb. 16.**—The Government are pushing forward the works necessary to complete the line of torpedo defence, and a large number of men are employed near the Heads in cutting the necessary trenches. On Sunday last a large shipment of gun-cotton arrived from London, and the Government have acquired, by purchase, all the explosive and warlike stores in the local market. Colonel Richardson has recommended that the Volunteer force be re-modelled, and it is likely that as soon as the Volunteer land order system can be legally got rid of recruiting will again be invited.  
**Sydney, Feb. 21.**—The authorities have decided to re-arm the Volunteer Force, and to form them on the basis of the Naval Brigade, viz., payment of \$1 per month. It is stated that the Government has chartered a fast steamer as a despatch vessel, in the event of hostilities of England with any of the foreign powers.  
**Melbourne, Feb. 22.**—The defences at the Heads are nearly completed. The nine-inch guns are mounted at the batteries, and have an effective range of 3000 yards.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

**Sydney, Feb. 16.**—Signor D'Alberis, the well-known explorer, arrived in Sydney, a short time ago, from New Guinea, having travelled 460 miles up the Fly River. He reports that he has made a good collection of birds and plants, and he found the natives of New Guinea numerous and very hostile.  
The Council of Education are making an effort to bring within the scope of the public school system, a section of the children who through poverty do not attend any school. Certificates of admission have been issued in many cases, but as a very large proportion of those to whom free tickets of admission to the schools have been given cannot avail themselves of the tickets because of the want of the necessary decent clothes, it has been suggested that an organization be formed to provide destitute children of this class with clothes. As the compulsory attendance of these children at the ordinary Public schools might prejudice those schools, the case of these children will have to be met by the establishment of ragged schools.

**Sydney, Feb. 22.**—A deputa-tion has waited on the Premier asking the Government to secure Sir J. M. Gordon's services, to inspect and advise on the several harbor and river works.

**Sydney, Feb. 26.**—The *Evening News* states that two ships of the Russian Pacific squadron will shortly leave the Japan Coast for Australia.

In the Intercolonial cricket match the Victorians scored in the first innings 181, and in the second 78 runs. New South Wales made 99 in the first innings, and 81 for the wickets in the second.  
**Melbourne, Feb. 22.**—Sir John Coode leaves, via California, for England, in the March mail, and will forward his report from home.  
**Mackay, Feb. 7.**—John Wilson, mate of the brig *Western Star*, of Sydney, wrecked at the Bampton Shoal, landed to-day with the second mate, two seamen, and a Solomon Islander. They report the total loss of their vessel on January 29. Captain Woloh and five seamen in the whaleboat parted company on the same night, and were not seen afterwards. The cargo of the brig consisted of 60 tons copra, 12 tons lêche-de-mer, and 2 tons of pearl-shell. The vessel broke up before the boats left the scene of the wreck.

A rumour, which may or may not be true (says the *Ballarat Courier*), was current on Saturday afternoon, and we give it for what it is worth. It is said that there are two Russians renting a shop in Melbourne, who, in a boat belonging to themselves, go out in the bay every morning and take soundings, and generally act in a most mysterious manner. Their pretext, it is asserted, is fishing; but they never return with any of the spoils of the deep, and hence it is thought they are spies who are obtaining information about the bay for the Russians, in the event of an invasion. Report even goes the length of saying that arrangements have been made for firing down a line of torpedoes, and that the *Orpheus* will be blown up whenever war is declared with Russia.

**COLONISATION OF NEW GUINEA.**  
**Cooktown, Feb. 20.**—Mr. Merton, connected with the Sydney Museum, is a passenger by the E. and A. Co.'s R.M.S. *Bowen*. He was one of Goldie's party to New Guinea, and accompanied him in searching for gold. Mr. Merton brings specimens of good coarse gold washed out of black sand, and also quartz-bearing gold. The statements furnished by this gentleman mainly verify the reports brought by the Rev. Mr. Lawes, but since then no further discoveries were made. He states that they first discovered gold fifteen miles from the coast, and followed it up for a distance of sixty miles. After due enquiry, our correspondent found quite certain, having also seen the specimens, that some large fields must be opened in New Guinea. The black sand, it appears, is very plentiful in the river bed, being of the formation of bluestones and slate. Mr. Merton reports a severe drought all along the New Guinea coast, from Port Moresby to South Cape, and that the plantations had been destroyed, and even the forest trees killed by it.

On December 20 Goldie and party left Port Moresby to go to South Cape, and on January 1 sighted the missionary lugger *Mayri*, Captain Duffield, who reported as follows:—"While anchored at Stacey Island, where the Rev. J. Chalmers and wife and four native teachers are stationed, the afternoon of Saturday, December 29, sent three of my black crew to out wood, myself and another native only remaining on board; one Stacey Island native came off to barter; told cook to give him wood, and lay down in cabin; after a few minutes a spear was thrown into the cabin, and struck me on left side, pinning me to the deck, and another spear went into right thigh. While turning for gun I received another in left shoulder and another through hand. I fired several shots, and tried to get on deck, and found six or eight natives. I had received wounds in foot, which severed all the tendons of the toes. The natives put hatch on. I wounded several, and killed one. They then left, going on deck. I saw two or three hundred armed natives on the shore. Mr. Chalmers came off and informed me that the natives were launching their war canoes, and he insisted upon my leaving. I pressed him to come also, and bring with him his wife and the teachers, but he refused to desert his post. Goldie's party returned upon hearing this. Grave fears are entertained for the safety of Mr. Chalmers and party." Captain Duffield is inaimed for life.

#### COMMERCIAL.

**March 27.**  
The market for Bengal Opium has been somewhat excited in the latter part of the closing fortnight. The reported strictures of the native authorities as to the discountenance of the cultivation of the poppy, appears to have encouraged speculation in the northern ports, tending to a material advance in the rates for the drug. The course of the market may therefore now much depend upon what may be authentically known as regards the yield of the native drug. Though the rise in the rates has been quite unexpected, a large business has been done in both kinds, and the present quotations are \$505 for Fata, and \$576 to \$577 for Benares.  
The receipts for the month so far, stand at 3,974 chests, against 2,745 chests for the corresponding date last year. During the interval that has elapsed some 1,150 chests have been taken by the local conservers, against 800 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 2,600 chests, against 1,800 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 50 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 600 chests.  
**Messrs. HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Thursday, 26th March, says:—**  
The business has been chiefly coastwise, for, though there is some inquiry for vessels homewards, very little has been done. Freight for sailing vessels generally have improved and the market is firm.  
However, as only one charter is reported, but there is some demand, though, as the disengaged tonnage in port has been reduced, it is difficult to get ships at late rates.  
Coastwise, a fair number of settlements have been effected during the fortnight, principally for Newchwang and Bangkok, and as tonnage is still wanted freight rates are firm. For steamers, the chief inquiry continues for Bangkok and Chinkiang, but for Saigon hardly anything is doing, and rates are nominally 14 to 15 cents per picul.  
The foreign barque *Arcton*, 593 tons, chartered for Guam, and the British barque *Thomas Bell*, 588 tons, for Macao, will sail

original cargo of Coals. The German bark *Gustav*, 656 tons, left for Bangkok "coasting." The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 24 vessels, registering 18,778 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—  
American ship *Eleana*, 1181, to London or New York, private.  
British steamer *Charlton*, 786, to Port Darwin, Australia, private.  
French barque *Marie Charlotte*, 880, to Calao and Yaparao, private.  
American ship *North Star*, 1874, to San Francisco, private.  
American ship *Freeman Clark*, 1306, to Portland (Oregon), private.  
American ship *Wildwood*, 1009, to Portland (Oregon), private.  
British barque *Spinnaway*, 325, Manila to Melbourne, private.

German brig *Gustav*, 240, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 55 cents per picul, 32 lay days.  
German barque *Marco Polo*, 653, Takao to Yokohama and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 52½ cents per picul, 37 lay days.  
German barque *Hieronymus*, 425, Newchwang to Swatow, 30 cents per picul, 20 lay days.

German barque *Hansa*, 493, Newchwang to Hongkong, 29 cents per picul, 30 lay days.  
British barque *Alceste*, 398, Newchwang to Hongkong, 30 cents per picul, 22 lay days.  
British barque *Orion*, 381, Newchwang to Hongkong, 30 cents per picul, 25 lay days.  
French barque *Jean Pierre*, 609, Bangkok to Hongkong (Thibet) inside the Bar, 2½ cents per picul, outside the Bar, 19½ cents per picul, 40 lay days.

German barque *Friedrich*, 694, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 25 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 20 cents per picul, 35 lay days.  
American barque *Wealthy Pendleton*, 809, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 23 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 20 cents per picul, 40 lay days.

British barque *Annie Lowry*, 752, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 23 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 17 cents per picul, 40 lay days.  
British barque *Tokates*, 805, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 21½ cents per picul, outside the Bar, 16½ cents per picul, 40 lay days.

British barque *Lady Bowen*, 893, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 20 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 15 cents per picul, 25 lay days.  
British barque *W. E. Gladstone*, 584, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 20 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 15 cents per picul, 35 lay days.

British steamer *Flintshire*, 1243, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 23 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 23 cents per picul, 15 lay days.  
British steamer *Lorne*, 1035, Bangkok to Hongkong inside the Bar, 27 cents per picul, outside the Bar, 22 cents per picul, 16 lay days.

British barque *Moss Glen*, 549, Bangkok to Hongkong, \$3,000 in full, 40 lay days.  
British steamer *Radnorshire*, 1201, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul, 12 lay days.  
German steamer *Prinz Friedrich Carl*, 1120, Kobe to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul, 12 lay days.

British steamer *Cainamuir*, 1123, Fushiki (Japan) to Hongkong, 55 cents per picul.  
Brit' b steamer *Galley of Lorne*, 1345, Nagasaki to Shanghai (Coal), 5 trips, \$2.10 per ton.  
British steamer *Hesperia*, 1160, Chinkiang to Whampoa, 2½ candareens per picul.

British steamer *Minerva*, 1025, Chinkiang to Whampoa, 20 candareens per picul, 12 lay days.  
British steamer *Flintshire*, 1243, Swatow to Singapore (Passengers), \$6½ per head, 10 lay days.  
British steamer *Killarney*, 1060, Swatow to Singapore (Passengers), \$5,400 in full, 12 lay days.

British barque *Mangerton*, 330, to Quinhao and back, 22 cents per picul, 30 lay days.  
German barque *Angostura*, 418, to Tournon and back, \$2,800 in full, 35 lay days.  
Russian barque *Kalaja*, 690, to Batavia, \$1,760 in full.  
German steamer *Cassandra*, 957, to Mantong and back, 20 cents per picul, 15 lay days.

**Messrs. DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 26th March, says:—**  
Our last report was dated 26th ultimo, and a quiet tone has prevailed in our Tea market since that date.  
**Congou.**—A few boxes of New season's "contract" tea went forward by the French m.t. of 21st instant from Macao, and the present mail will probably take a few further parcels; prices have not transpired, and the market is not as yet to be considered as opened.

The weather has been very unfavorable for the picking of the leaf, and the teas as present to hand, though preferable in appearance to those of last season, viz., for the most part, thin and flavorless in cup; should the weather improve we hope to see some better teas among later arrivals.  
**Scented Teas.**—Settlements for the past month amount to about 5,000 boxes Scented Cape at Tls. 11 1/4, and 500 boxes Scented Orange Pekoe at Tls. 13 per picul; prices show no material change, but the quality of the settlements is very indifferent.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Feb. 19, S. S. *Stentor*, Congou 240 lbs., Souchong 240 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 720 lbs., Souchong 760 lbs., total 1,960 lbs.; S. S. *India*, S. O. Pekoe 37,422 lbs.; Mar. 9, *Tenar*, S. O. Pekoe 42,000 lbs.; 21, *Amazon*, S. O. Pekoe 81,236 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 2,040 lbs.; total 63,276 lbs.—Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 22,624,484 lbs. (including 192,649 lbs. lost in *Mitkong*); against 18,538,580 for season 1876-77.

**Silk.**—During the first week of the past month 10 bales Tatlee were taken, but no further transactions were announced till yesterday, when 55 bales were reported as settled. For fine silk, prices are rather easier, but as there is some demand for native consumption, lower qualities do not show the same decline.  
It is too early to give any reliable information regarding new silk, but the late prevalent bad weather will tend to delay the first crop.

**Longwicks.**—Settlements are reported as 8 points for the Bombay market.  
**Red-silk.**—A fair business has been done, and contracts for the month are estimated at 800 to 850 boxes; better grades have again been taken at lower rates, but the

commoner kinds show little change in value.  
Stock in Canton is estimated at 100 bales Tatlee, 50 bales Kowkong, 100 Cunchuk and Lucklow, and 200 bales inferior sorts.

**Waste.**—Settlements have been very small, but 100 bales have been shipped on native account.  
**Export of Silk.**—Export to date:—To London, 4,819 bales; to Continent, 6,566 bales; to America, 4,202 boxes; to Bombay, 2,497 piculs;—total, 11,675 bales, 4,202 boxes, and 2,497 piculs. Of Waste, 5,071 bales. Pierced Cocoons, 1,340 bales for Europe.

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**Tatlee.**.....Curlo, \$480  
".....No. 1, \$450  
".....No. 2, \$430  
".....No. 3, \$420  
".....No. 4, \$405  
**Loongkong.**.....Curlo, — None.  
".....No. 1, —  
".....No. 2, —  
".....No. 3, —  
".....No. 4, —  
**Cunchuk & Lucklow.**.....\$405  
**Re-reel Cunchuk & Lucklow.**.....Best \$515  
".....No. 1, \$495  
".....No. 2, \$475  
".....No. 3, \$465 a 470  
".....Cote-og-owa, 2, \$350  
".....No. 1, \$77 a 78  
".....No. 2, \$67  
**Cocoons Pierced.**.....1, \$78  
**SETTLEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.**  
1877-78. 1876-77.

**For Europe.**.....65 bla. 150 bla.  
**United States.**.....300 bxs. 700 bxs.  
**do., Re-reels.**.....8 pla. 70 pla.  
**Bombay.**.....8 pla. 70 pla.  
**DRUGS AND SPICES.**—Cassia Lignea, is quoted for Loting \$10 in mats, \$10.20 in boxes, for Tls. 70 \$10.10 in mats, \$10.30 in boxes. Sales 4,500 piculs. Stock 1,600 piculs. Cassia Buds, \$14.50 a \$14.75 per picul. Sales 50 piculs. Stock 100 piculs. Star Aniseed, no stock. Rhubarb, No. 2, \$40 a 60. Alum, \$1.80 a \$1.85 per picul. Camphor, \$20.50 a \$21.50 per picul, packed.

**SUNDRIES.**—Fire Crackers, 70 a 75 cents per box, for Gouqua's No. 1, gold chop. Vermilion, \$35 a \$38 per box. Matting, Fine contract, White 4/4, 12 cents, 5/4, 14 cents, 6/4, 18 cents per yard; Red Check, 4/4, 13 cents, 5/4, 15 cents, 6/4, 18 cents; Double Extra Imperial, white 4/4, 15 cents, 5/4, 17 cents, 6/4, 20 cents; Red Check, 4/4, 16 cents, 5/4, 18 cents, 6/4, 22 cents per yard. Cargo Ginger, new, in syrup (Ohyongco) \$3.70; Mandarin, \$4.50; Young Seng, \$5.50, per box of 6 jars.

**LEAD.**—A marked decline in prices has taken place, and "cargo" is only worth to-day \$7.15 a \$7.20 per picul, and Hole chop and W.B. \$7.25 a \$7.30 per picul.  
**QUICKSILVER.**—Quotations are now \$63 a \$64 per picul.  
**GINSENG.**—No material change in prices.

**SHIPPING.**  
The rate of Freight to London, per steamer is \$2.12, and per sailing vessel, \$2 per ton of 40 and 50 cubic feet respectively. The rate of Freight to New York, per steamer, is \$3.17, and per sailing vessel, \$2 per ton of 40 cubic feet.  
**LOADING AND ON THE BERTH.**—At Whampoa:—For London and New York:—None. At Hongkong:—For London:—*Nestor*, *Galata*, *str.*, *Broomhall*, *Teucer*, *str.*, *Ajazz*, *str.*. For New York:—*Wagon*. For San Francisco:—*B. F. Watson*

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London.

Also,  
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship  
"KHIVA," Captain G. LEE, will leave this  
on THURSDAY, the 28th March at Noon.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendent,  
Hongkong, March 14, 1878. me28

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF  
TOKYO" will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY,  
the 28th Instant, at Noon, taking Pass-  
engers, and Freight, for Japan, the United  
States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT on regular rates is granted to  
OFFICERS of the ARMY AND NAVY,  
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and  
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISS-  
ION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m., of 27th Instant. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 25, 1878. me28

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;

Also,  
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CAL-  
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 4th April,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
"ANDYR," Commandant MOREAU,  
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 3rd April, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1878. ap4

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be de-  
spatched for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on THURSDAY, the 11th April,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 10th April. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to  
Officers of the Army and Navy and to  
Members of the Civil and Consular  
Services.

For further information as to Freight  
of Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

G. B. SMITH, Agent.  
Hongkong, March 24, 1878. ap4

## Intimations.

## ESTATE OF DODD &amp; Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th  
Instant at Messrs Dodd & Co.'s  
Offices, the following RESOLUTIONS  
were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS OHOMLEY, Esq., and he is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND FRYBE, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the  
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the  
order of the Undersigned.

F. OHOMLEY,  
Trustee for the Estate of  
Dodd & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

A THIRD RETURN of CAPITAL and  
INTEREST at the Rate of FIVE  
TAELS per SHARE will be made to Share-  
holders of Record on the 28th February,  
Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on  
the 8th March.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-  
signed to Shareholders, or their lawful  
representatives, on presentation of Share  
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will  
be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th  
March inclusive.

By Order,  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, February 23, 1878. ap4

## THE CHINESE MAIL.

## TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE

## Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100  
characters, and one cent a character  
beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and  
half price for repetitions during the first  
week. Subsequent weekly insertions will  
be charged only one half the amount of the  
first week's charge. Advertisements for  
half a year and longer will be allowed a  
deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount,  
and contracts for more favourable terms  
can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish  
Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all  
the ports and in the interior of China, all  
the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore,  
Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the  
Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru  
and other places which Chinese frequent.  
When the list of Agencies is completed,  
it will be published. Agents have been  
already established in most of the above  
places, and in important ports more than  
one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

## INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

## CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Coals in Methadens, on Goods on board  
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-  
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 50% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE....., 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....., 75,000  
Total Capital and accumula-  
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

## Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
M. W. BOYD, Esq., C. KERR, Esq.,  
M. P. EVANS, Esq., C. LUGAS, Esq.

## Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.  
London Bankers:  
Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.

Agencies in:  
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and  
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to  
all parts of the World, at current  
rates.  
Subject to a charge of 12% for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS  
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be  
annually distributed among all Contribu-  
tors of Business in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ool

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

## ESTABLISHED 1806.

## CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

## Directors.

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.  
PANG YIM, Merchant.  
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.  
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.  
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.  
CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.  
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

## Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on  
Buildings and on Goods stored  
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

## OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
in 1720.

His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

## HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1866.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
  2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
  3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
  4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
  5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
  6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
  7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
  8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Atholl	3 k	Thomson	Brit.	str.	923	Mar. 26	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Bombay	2 h	Green	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Laid up
Brisbane	5 c	Reddell	Brit.	str.	891	Mar. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	29th inst.
Caldera	5 c	Williams	Brit.	str.	1303	Mar. 25	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Australian Ports
Camoos	2 h		Brit.	str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	
Cassandra	3 c	Langer	Ger.	str.	937	Mar. 24	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Mantung
Charlton	4 c	Johnson	Brit.	str.	876	Mar. 21	Landstein & Co.	Port Darwin
City of Tokio	3 h	Manny	Amer.	str.	5079	Mar. 18	P. M. S. S. Co.	Yham & S. P. d'ao
Conquest	4 h	Scott	Brit.	str.	317	Mar. 26	Kwong Lee Yuen	Hollow & Halphong
Cypresses	3 k	Wood	Brit.	str.	1286	Mar. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Doucalton	5 c	Brown	Brit.	str.	1639	Mar. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Fatchoy	5 c	Holland	Brit.	str.	153	...	G. Mc Bain	
Glenfalloch	3 c	Taylor	Brit.	str.	1380	Mar. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Glenorchy	5 c	Hogg	Brit.	str.	1775	Mar. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Hailong	5 c	Abbott	Brit.	str.	277	Feb. 17	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamsui, &c.
Java	4 c	Weber	Dut.	str.	886	Mar. 25	Wm. Pustau & Co.	K'loon Doi
Keinchow	2 h		Brit.	str.			Kwok Acheong	
Khiva	5 c	Lee	Brit.	str.	1506	Mar. 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.
Malabar	5 c	Gould	Brit.	str.	1370	Mar. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow
Malacca	5 c	Smith	Brit.	str.	1046	Mar. 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Marica	4 c	Broker	Brit.	str.	1063	Mar. 23	Stemssen & Co.	Salgon
Marlon	4 c	Smith	Brit.	str.	642	Mar. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Meca	5 c	Morney	Brit.	str.	678	Mar. 17	Landstein & Co.	Cowtan D.
Norna	2 h	Walker	Brit.	str.	606	Mar. 27	Kwok Acheong	Swatow
Ocean	5 c	Jacques	Brit.	str.	974	Mar. 18	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports
Orissa	2 h	Jay	Brit.	str.	1118	Mar. 24	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Panay	5 c	Goyenches	Span.	str.	600	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	Sands' Sil
Perlin	5 c	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	1016	Mar. 24	T. G. Linstead	
Rajendranthar	5 c	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	933	Mar. 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Sea Gull	5 h	Roberts	Brit.	str.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company	
State of Alabama	4 c	Rohlo	Brit.	str.	1811	Mar. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saigon
Yottung	5 c	Aranguren	Span.	str.	286	Mar. 27	Kwok Acheong	Haiphong
Zambonga	5 c	Aranguren	Span.	str.	681	Mar. 24	Landstein & Co.	Haiphong
Zanzibar	5 c	Fox	Brit.	str.	1460	Mar. 28	Melchers & Co.	Salgon
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Besse	4 h	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Alex. Newton	1 c	Newton	Brit.	bge.	308	Mar. 22	Rozario & Co.	Tientsin
Alfred M. Minott	4 c	Whitmore	Amer.	sh.	1100	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London
Angostura	4 c	Boysen	Ger.	bge.	418	Mar. 21	Carlovitz & Co.	Sourabaya
Annie M. Smull	2 c	Packer	Amer.	sh.	1053	Dec. 4	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
B. F. Watson	3 c	Hawkins	Amer.	bge.	898	Nov. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco
Chandos	5 h	Emery	Amer.	sh.	1606	Mar. 6	Naval Storekeeper	
Charger	2 h	Balle	Amer.	sh.	1448	Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
City of Halifax	4 c	Evans	Brit.	sh.	860	Dec. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Cocoran	4 c	Cromwell	Amer.	sch.	150	Mar. 14	Insurance Co.	Jardine's
Conchita	4 c	Arias	Span.	bge.	430	Mar. 21	Remedios & Co.	
Condor	2 h	Steffens	Ger.	bge.	365	Feb. 18	Stemssen & Co.	
Corona	1 c	Spence	Brit.	sh.	1132	Feb. 18	Mayer & Co.	
Crossed	3 c	Gorman	Amer.	bge.	668	Mar. 14	B. Kier & Co.	
Edward P. Bouvier	4 c	Evans	Brit.	bge.	641	Jan. 22	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Elmo	2 c	Barby	Amer.	sh.	1181	Feb. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Empire	3 c	Leckie	Amer.	sh.	1180	Feb. 21	Butterfield & Swire	
Falcon	3 c	Barry	Brit.	bge.	788	Dec. 23	Messageries Maritimes	London
Freeman Clark	4 c	Dwight	Amer.	sh.	1336	Jan. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Globe	5 c	Harrison	Brit.	bge.	736	Feb. 13	Mayer & Co.	Wanchai
Great Admiral	4 h	Thompson	Amer.	sh.	1576	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.	Cowtan I.
Gustav	2 c	Johannsen	Ger.	bg.	240	Mar. 17	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Wanchai
Hark Avey	4 c	Pette	Brit.	bge.	773	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	
Hai Cheong	2 c	Kant	Brit.	bge.	336	Mar. 6	Chinese	
Iordan	7 h	Cave	Brit.	bge.	378	Nov. 24	Mayer & Co.	London
Jean Pierre	8 c	Legasse	Brit.	bge.	697	Mar. 15	Carlovitz & Co.	30th inst.
Jeanie Jamieson	8 c	Roos	Russ.	bge.	604	Mar. 15	Carlovitz & Co.	Cowtan I.
Kalaja	1 c	Monard	Foh.	bge.	438	Mar. 15	Carlovitz & Co.	Batavia
Louis Eugene	7 c	Ravano	Ital.	bge.	874	Mar. 1	Thos. Howard & Co.	Singapore
Maria Ravano	3 c	Monahan	Foh.	bge.	380	Mar. 30	Carlovitz & Co.	
Marie Charlotte	3 c	McKoon	Brit.	bge.	500	Feb. 26	Rozario & Co.	Callao
Marquis of Argyle	3 h	Miles	Brit.	bg.	197	Feb. 6	Olyphant & Co.	Bangkok
Mosquito	5 k	Clark	Brit.	bge.	685	Jan. 24	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Cowtan I.
Nimrod	7 c	Thomson	Amer.	sh.	1874	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
North Star	4 c	Reuter	Ger.	bge.	248	Mar. 22	Wieler & Co.	
Occident	4 c	Heuer	Brit.	bg.	210	Mar. 8	Lane, Crawford & Co.	
Onward	3 c	Scott	Brit.	bge.	381	Mar. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Orion	3 c	Ambsury	Amer.	bge.	986	Feb. 28	F. & S. N. Co.	P. & O. W.
Quickstep	3 c	Barnaby	Amer.	bge.	826	Jan. 23	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)
River Lagan	7 c	Quinn	Brit.	bge.	851	Feb. 29	Douglas Laprak & Co.	
Rubicon	4 h	Nimssen	Brit.	3m. sh.	304	Jan. 3	Mayer & Co.	
Samar	3 c	Millar	Amer.	sh.	1066	Feb. 314	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Seaman's Bride	2 c	Andresen	Slam.	bge.	325	Mar. 21	Stemssen & Co.	
Spinnaway	4 c	Fringle	Brit.	bge.	1040	Feb. 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
Star of India	3 h	Galloway	Foh.	bge.	387	Jan. 5	Carlovitz & Co.	
Sully	3 h	Bera	Amer.	sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	
Sunshine	3 k	Olong	Amer.	sh.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.	Cowtan I.
Titan	5 c	Berry	Amer.	sh.	268	Mar. 21	Stemssen & Co.	Tientsin
Trio	8 c	Gallahan	Amer.	bge.	584	Mar. 19	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
W. K. Gladstone	8 c	Gallahan	Amer.	bge.	584	Mar. 19	Rozario & Co.	Bangkok
Wealthy Pendleton	4 c	Jacobsen	Ger.	sh.	1115	Mar. 1	Melchers & Co.	Ab'deen I.
Wega	4 c	Herriman	Amer.	sh.	1069	Jan. 28	Russell & Co.	New York
Wildwood	3 c							Portland (Oregon)
WHAMPOA								
Northern Star		Worley	Brit.	bge.	327	Mar. 2	Wieler & Co.	Tientsin
Ulyses		Guard	Brit.	str.	1560	Mar. 26	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.
West Stanley		Ashley	Brit.	str.	993	Mar. 26	Stemssen & Co.	
CANTON								
Chinking		Orr	Brit.	str.	708	Mar. 23	Stemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Hesperia		Paulsen	Ger.	str.	1160	Mar. 24	Stemssen & Co.	